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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of
OKAZAKI et al.**

Serial No. 09/705,661

Filed: November 3, 2000

**Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF
ACRYLIC ACID AND APPARATUS FOR
PRODUCTION OF ACRYLIC ACID**

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: